



State of Utah

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
DIVISION OF OIL, GAS AND MINING

INSPECTION REPORT

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Partial: XXX Complete: Exploration:

Inspection Date & Time: 2/28/2000 / 1:00p.m.-3:00p.m.

Date of Last Inspection: 1/31/2000

Mine Name: West Ridge Mine County: Carbon Permit Number: ACT/007/041

Permittee and/or Operator's Name: West Ridge Resources, Inc.

Business Address: P.O. Box 902, Price, Utah 84501

Type of Mining Activity: Underground XXX Surface Prep. Plant Other

Company Official(s): Brian McDougald

State Officials(s): Peter H. Hess Federal Official(s): None

Weather Conditions: Partly Cloudy, Warm, Hi 30's

Existing Acreage: Permitted- 2660.27 Disturbed- 25 Regraded- Seeded- Bonded- 25

Increased/Decreased: Permitted- Disturbed- Regraded- Seeded- Bonded-

Status: Exploration/ Active/ Inactive/ Temporary Cessation/ Bond Forfeiture

Reclamation (Phase I/ Phase II/ Final Bond Release/ Liability Year)

REVIEW OF PERMIT, PERFORMANCE STANDARDS & PERMIT CONDITION REQUIREMENTS

Instructions

- Substantiate the elements on this inspection by checking the appropriate performance standard.
 - For complete inspections provide narrative justification for any elements not fully inspected unless element is not appropriate to the site, in which case check N/A.
 - For partial inspections check only the elements evaluated.
- Document any noncompliance situation by referencing the NOV issued at the appropriate performance standard listed below.
- Reference any narratives written in conjunction with this inspection at the appropriate performance standard listed below.
- Provide a brief status report for all pending enforcement actions, permit conditions, Division Orders, and amendments.

	EVALUATED	N/A	COMMENTS	NOV/ENF
1. PERMITS, CHANGE, TRANSFER, RENEWAL, SALE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. SIGNS AND MARKERS	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. TOPSOIL	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. HYDROLOGIC BALANCE:				
a. DIVERSIONS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. SEDIMENT PONDS AND IMPOUNDMENTS	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. OTHER SEDIMENT CONTROL MEASURES	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. WATER MONITORING	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. EFFLUENT LIMITATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. EXPLOSIVES	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. DISPOSAL OF EXCESS SPOIL/FILLS/BENCHES	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. COAL MINE WASTE/REFUSE PILES/IMPOUNDMENTS	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8. NONCOAL WASTE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9. PROTECTION OF FISH, WILDLIFE AND RELATED ENVIRONMENTAL VALUES	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10. SLIDES AND OTHER DAMAGE	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
11. CONTEMPORANEOUS RECLAMATION	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
12. BACKFILLING AND GRADING	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
13. REVEGETATION	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
14. SUBSIDENCE CONTROL	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
15. CESSATION OF OPERATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
16. ROADS:				
a. CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE/SURFACING	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. DRAINAGE CONTROLS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
17. OTHER TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
18. SUPPORT FACILITIES/UTILITY INSTALLATIONS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
19. AVS CHECK (4th Quarter-April, May, June) <u> </u> (date)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
20. AIR QUALITY PERMIT	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
21. BONDING & INSURANCE	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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1. PERMITS, CHANGE, TRANSFER, RENEWAL, SALE

Prior to beginning the field portion of today's inspection, Mr. Dave Shaver was questioned about the ownership of the pump house which is located down Canyon of the Mine site disturbed area. West Ridge personnel have been seen within this pump house complex necessitating this questioning. The six-inch delivery line is owned by East Carbon City; the pump house is necessary to lift the required volume of water to the Mine. Mine site storage is provided by a 100,000 gallon tank in the upper right fork of the facilities. The tank provides pressure for culinary purposes, and surface fire fighting capability. Water is transferred from the surface storage tank to an underground sump for control of fugitive dust and underground fire fighting capability.

An evaluation of the environmental assessment prepared by the USBLM indicated that the water line would be constructed by East Carbon City and West Ridge Resources. Hence, a determination of who actually owns the pump house, which was permitted on USBLM land, is difficult. When questioned, Mr. Shaver indicated that the pump house is the property of the Mine.

Mr. Shaver was instructed to permit the pump house into the West Ridge Mine mining and reclamation plan. Following UDNR/OGM approval, proper disturbed area perimeter markers and permittee identification signs will be implemented.

4a. HYDROLOGIC BALANCE: DIVERSIONS

During the field inspection, it was observed that the ditch DD-12, which lies at the toe of the left hand fork fill area (west side of truck loading/staging loop) was obstructed with pushed snow in three locations. Mr. McDougald was informed that this was a compliance situation. Mr. McDougald contacted one of the contractor's at the site, who sent a backhoe and an operator to pull enough snow back out of ditch DD-12 to return it to function.

5. EXPLOSIVES

The permittee is using a Type 2 portable magazine to store high explosives and electric caps (separate compartments on the trailer) in the upper right hand fork of the surface facilities area. The explosives storage compartment was double-locked. The electric detonator compartment was empty. There were no suitable danger signs in the vicinity of the magazine, as is required by 30 CFR 77.1301 (C)(9). Mr. McDougald addressed this immediately, posting temporary signs away from the magazine, such that any bullet passing through the sign would not strike the magazine. Permanent signs have been ordered through the Safety Department.

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Several fiberglass day boxes were present. Three were inspected and all were found to be empty. There is no blasting being performed on the surface. All explosive's usage takes place underground, under the jurisdiction of the U. S. Department of Labor, MSHA.

17. OTHER TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES

Work on the construction of the truck loading facility continues; the batch hopper and feed hopper are in place. Work on this installation is anticipated to be completed in about a month and a half.

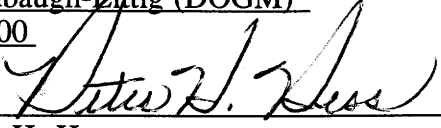
18. SUPPORT FACILITIES/UTILITY INSTALLATIONS

The permittee has installed three miner's change rooms (portable trailers) on the pad directly below the electrical substation. The sinks in the units are self-contained and there are no showers here; hence, there is no need for a sewage treatment system. A permanent bath house is to be constructed at a later time.

Note: This inspection report does not constitute an affidavit of compliance with the regulatory program of the Division of Oil, Gas, and Mining.

Copy of this Report:

Mailed to: Mike Glasson (Andalex) Henry Austin (OSM)
Given to: Pam Grubaugh-Littig (DOGM) Filed to: Price Field Office
Date: March 1, 2000

Inspector's Signature:  #46
Peter H. Hess